## **Coursey Pond**

58.1 acres Frederica

Although largemouth bass numbers were not high in this pond, much of the population is larger fish, a pattern that has been consistent since 1998. Growth was average with legal length achieved by three years. Golden shiners provide forage, supplemented by small bluegill. In contrast to bass abundance, numbers of bluegill were high with a wide size range represented (3- to 8-inches). Average weights for both species were within normal range.

Low numbers of black crappie were present but occasional fish as large as 13.5 inches were observed. White perch were present in low numbers and yellow perch were also available. Common carp and gizzard shad were the most abundant fish and undoubtedly affect other species.

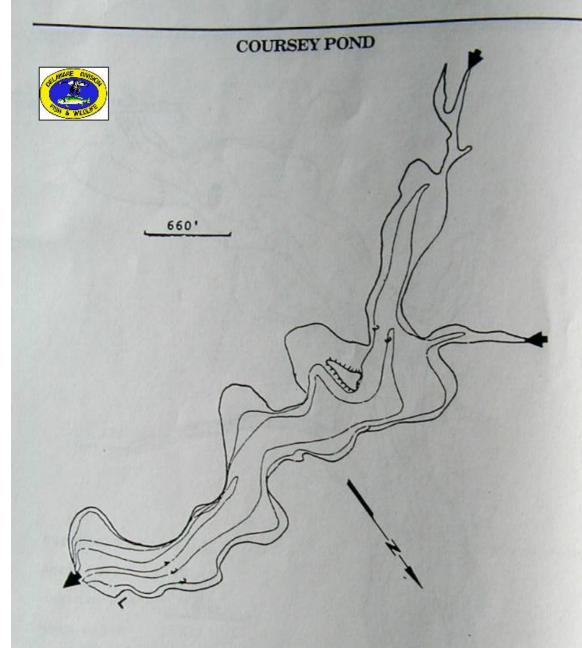


## **VEGETATION**

Spatterdock dominated the pond with duckweed often scattered along the shoreline edge. The large beds of spatterdock provide cooler water areas for the fish and many tend to concentrate in these areas during the summer months. A heavy bloom of planktonic algae often turns the water bright green during August and September, coating fishing equipment and limiting visibility.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

River herring use the fish ladder at the pond to gain access to it for spawning during the spring months. Note that it is unlawful to fish within 10 feet of the entrance or exit of the fish ladder, or to remove fish from any ladder between March 15 and May 30. This regulation was passed to protect river herring from harvest while they are confined in the fish ladder. Shoreline angling is available around the boat access area and along the bulkhead.



Surface acres 58.1

Acre-feet 113.03

Maximum depth 4.0'

Mean depth 2.0' Legend

Water flow



Launching ramp L

Island

